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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 0502

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISSENSION WITH MILITARY

1. WIDESPREAD REPORTS ARE CIRCULATING WITHIN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY ABOUT RECENT EXECUTION OF 10 MIDDLE LEVEL ARMY OFFICERS AND DISMISSAL OF AIR FORCE COMMANDER BRIGADIER HUSSAIN HAYYAWI AL-TIKRITI, COMMANDER OF BAGHDAD GARRISON BRIGADIER DAUD AL-JANABI, AND SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR AF OFFICERS. NOT CLEAR WHETHER THERE IS DIRECT LINK BETWEEN EXECUTIONS AND DISMISSALS. SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT MIGHT LIE BEHIND DISSENSION INCLUDES INTERNAL CONFLICT OVER STRATEGY BEING FOLLOWED IN KURKISH CONFLICT, MOVE BY PARTY AGAINST PRO-SOVIET OFFICERS, AND ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT. AS USUAL IN THIS HIGHLY SECRETIVE SOCIETY, FEW OBSERVERS ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE FACTUAL BASIS FOR THEIR SUPPOSITIONS.

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2. PERHAPS RELATED TO ABOVE IS WIDESPREAD REPORT THAT

MILITARY LAUNCHED NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST KURDS IN  
EARLY AUGUST. ACCORDING TO FRENCH CHARGE SAILLARD,  
CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN HIGH ON BOTH SIDES. IN ADDITION,  
PRESIDENT BAKR, DESPITE REPORTS OF HIS CONTINUED ILL  
HEALTH, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE TAKEN OVER DIRECTION OF  
PARTY'S MILITARY AFFAIRS BUREAU AND TO BE SPENDING LONG  
DAYS WORKING AT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. LONG ABSENCES OF  
RCC MEMBER AND MINISTER OF HEALTH IZZAT MUSTAFA, MINPET  
HAMMADI, AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS ARE ALSO CAUSE OF  
RUMORS ABOUT MOUNTING INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLES WITHIN REGIME,  
BUT IT MAY BE THAT THEY REALLY ARE ON VACATION. RCC MEMBER AND  
MINISTER OF AGRARIAN REFORM IZZAT AD-DOURI APPLIED FOR VISA  
TO U.S. ON AUGUST 17 FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT WHICH SUGGESTS  
THAT ALL IS CALM. LOWRIE

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